

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize John and Celia Harrison and Sweetwater Valley Farm of Loudon County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to honor and recognize the outstanding achievements of John and Celia Harrison and their Sweetwater Valley Farm; and

WHEREAS, John and Celia Harrison are exemplary public servants and consummate professionals who have worked diligently and tirelessly in their efforts to maintain and grow Sweetwater Valley Farm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison is a fourth-generation dairy farmer in Loudon County, Tennessee, whose farm was originally purchased by his great-great grandfather in 1901, and whose family has contributed to the agricultural history of this great State for over a century; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison possess an entrepreneurial spirit which drove them to transform their family dairy farm into Sweetwater Valley Farm cheese plant; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Valley Farm is an excellent example of agritourism in Tennessee, and is only one of a handful of cheese plants in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, in conjunction with the experts at the University of Tennessee Center for Profitable Agriculture, have created a sustainable and long-term enterprise that is a successful venture adding to the quality of life of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Valley Farm, in its state-of-the-art facilities, annually produces between 250,000 to 300,000 pounds of the finest farmstead cheese; and

WHEREAS, John and Celia Harrison are an inspiration to all Tennesseans and a profound example of the essence and character of the entrepreneurial spirit exhibited by Tennessee farmers over the centuries; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor John and Celia Harrison and Sweetwater Valley Farm for their contributions to agritourism in Tennessee and their continued success and advancement in the agricultural industry of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.